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SUBJECT: BICENTENNIAL EXHIBIT - PROPOSED SEMINARS

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1. POST HAS BEEN CONSIDERING SEMINARS ALONG FOLLOWING LINES TO  
ACCOMPANY BICENTENNIAL EXHIBIT.

2. THREE SEPARATE TWO-OR THREE-DAY SEMINARS WOULD BE SCHEDULED DURING  
PERIOD EXHIBIT OPEN, BEGINNING PROBABLY NOVEMBER 15 OR 16-THE FIRST  
MONDAY OR TUESDAY FOLLOWING OPENING NOVEMBER 11. AFTER EACH SEMINAR'S  
CONCLUSION, EMBASSY PROGRAM OFFICERS WOULD TAKE SOME OF EXPERTS TO  
OTHER CITIES FOR PROGRAMMING IN THEIR FIELDS.

3. WE PROPOSE THAT CONTENT OF THREE TOPICS FOR SEMINARS BE DEVELOPED  
BY CHAIRPERSONS TO BE SELECTED AND THAT THEY WOULD RECRUIT TWO  
OR THREE ADDITIONAL AMERICAN PANEL MEMBERS. SOVIET CO-SPONSOR-  
SHIP AND SOVIET PARTICIPATION WOULD BE SOUGHT FOR EACH SEMINAR.  
EACH SOVIET AND AMERICAN PANEL MEMBER WOULD PRESENT A SHORT PAPER  
AND THEN THE CHAIRPERSON WOULD LEAD DISCUSSION.

4. OTHER SOVIET EXPERTS AND STUDENTS WOULD BE INVITED TO ATTEND.  
PRELIMINARY DISCUSSIONS ON SEMINARS HAVE BEEN HELD WITH USA INSTI-  
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TUTE, ACADEMY OF SCIENCES, AND NEW MGU AMERICAN STUDIES COUNCIL.

WHILE REPRESENTATIVES THESE ORGANIZATIONS DID NOT COMMIT THEMSELVES,  
INITIAL RESPONSE WAS FAVORABLE.

5. THREE PROPOSED TOPICS ARE:

A. "SIGNIFICANCE OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION"

LECTURES AND PANEL DISCUSSION ON VARYING INTERPRETATIONS  
OF AMERICAN REVOLUTION IN DIFFERENT PERIODS AND FROM DIF-  
FREENT POINTS OF VIEW. POSSIBLE CHAIRMEN: PROFESSOR RICHARD  
MORRIS, COLUMBIA, OR PROFESSOR JACK PHILIP GREENE, JOHNS  
HOPKINS, BOTH OF WHOM HAVE LECTURED HERE AND KNOW ORGANIZA-  
TIONS WITH WHICH WE WILL DEAL.

?. "ISSUES IN THE AMERICAN EXPERIENCE--FROM THE REVOLUTION  
TO THE PRESENT"

DISCUSSION OF THE MAJOR ISSUES WHICH HAVE FORMED CONTINUING  
THREADS IN US HISTORY. DANIEL BOORSTIN WOULD BE  
IDEAL TO PLAN CONCEPT AND ALSO TO COME AS CHAIRMAN IF HE  
COULD BE AVAILABLE.

C. "AFTER 1976--ISSUES FACED BY THE UNITED STATES"

SPEAKERS ON ISSUES TO BE FACED BY THE NEW ADMINISTRA-  
TION AND THE AMERICAN PEOPLE IN THE NEAR AND MID-FUTURE  
AFTER NOVEMBER, 1976. PROPOSE SPEAKERS INCLUDE A SPOKES-  
MAN FROM THE PARTY WINNING NOVEMBER ELECTIONS WHO CAN SPEAK  
ON ISSUES RAISED IN THE PARTY PLATFORM AND ON SIGNIFICANCE  
OF THE ELECTIONS. REQUEST AGENCY ALSO TRY TO RECRUIT FOR  
PANEL POLITICAL ANALYSTS SUCH AS DAVID BRODER, THEODORE  
WHITE, OR BILL MOYERS, AND MORE LONG-RANGE SOCIAL ANALYSTS  
SUCH AS IRVING KRISTOL OR SEYMOR LIPSD.

6. REQUEST AGENCY COMMENT ON TOPICS AND POSSIBILITIES OF CHAIR-  
PERSONS AND SPEAKERS.

7. ALSO SUGGEST AMSPEC GRANT TO ONE OF CHAIRPERSONS FOR TRAVEL TO  
USSR IN NEAR FUTURE FOR CONSULTATION WITH EMBOFFS AND REPS OF POTEN-  
TIAL CO-SPONSORS. VISIT OF PRESTIGIOUS INDIVIDUAL WOULD ALSO BE  
MOST USEFUL FOR FOCUSING SOVIET ATTENTION ON EVENT AND SPURRING  
INTEREST. INT IT.  
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